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BLM seeks public comment on supplementary rules for public lands in southeastern Utah

Moab, Utah—The BLM-Utah Canyon Country District is seeking public comment on proposed supplementary rules for public lands in the Moab and Monticello Field Offices. The proposed rules, which are now available for public review in the *Federal Register*, are designed to facilitate safe and responsible recreation on BLM-administered public lands.

The proposed rules cover a variety of things, including camping, motor vehicle use, mountain biking and campfires. One common-sense rule prohibits camping within archaeological sites. Another proposed rule requires that recreationists not use glass beverage containers in the Sand Hill area near the entrance to Arches National Park; broken glass poses a significant safety hazard to children playing on the popular dune. The rules were developed to implement management decisions made in the 2008 Moab and Monticello Resource Management Plans (RMPs).

"The proposed rules support BLM efforts to ensure a positive and safe outdoor recreation experience for all visitors to Canyon Country District lands," said Lance Porter, Canyon Country District Manager. "They also underscore our ongoing efforts to implement land management commitments we made with the public and our partners during the RMP planning process."

The supplementary rules are available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab.html> or <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/monticello.html>. Hard copies of the rules may also be obtained by visiting the Moab Field Office at 82 E. Dogwood Avenue, Moab, UT 84532, or the Monticello Field Office at 365 North Main Street, Monticello, UT 84532.

Written comments must be received or postmarked by Sept. 16, 2014. Please note that the most useful comments are those that are specific, confined to issues pertinent to these proposed supplementary rules, and explain the reason for any recommended change. Please reference "Proposed Supplementary Rules" when submitting comments. Written comments may be mailed or emailed using the following:

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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